



MSD Memories 2011-2012



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Deaf Education News



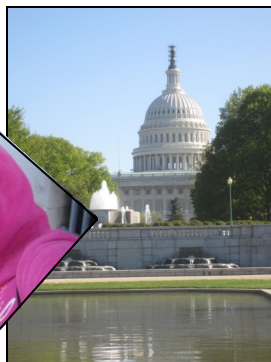
Marlee Matlin
Performing at MU



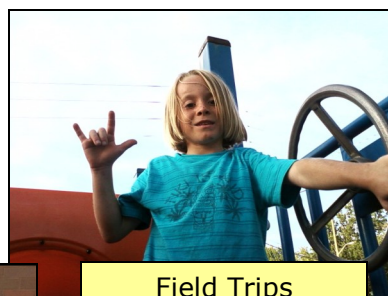
The Signing Eagles
Music in ASL



Academic Bowl Competitors
in Washington D.C.



Fun at the ARC



Field Trips



Student Life
Halloween Party



MSD Student Wins 2nd Place at the National Science Fair for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students

National Technical Institute for the Deaf,
Rochester, NY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teen Institute 2012

June 10—June 15

Missouri School for the Deaf, Fulton, MO

Teen Institute (TI) is a six-day training camp designed to teach Deaf and Hard of Hearing teens to be education and prevention advocates among their peers. Recognizing that teenagers influence their peers, the curriculum focuses on drug and alcohol abuse prevention, HIV/AIDS awareness and other issues that are critical to teenagers.

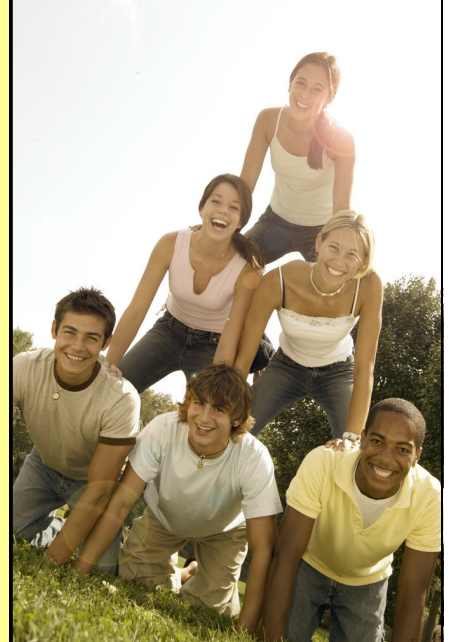
- Application Deadline: June 1, 2012
- Registration Fee: 50\$

For application materials, contact: Becky Beck at (573) 445-5005 V/TTY, (573) 303-5598 VP, (573) 445-5088 FAX

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**Teamwork
Makes Us Strong**

Rural Educational Interpreters Skill Enhancement Training

William Woods University, Fulton, MO

July 9-20, 2012

This will be an intensive two-week training that will focus on receptive and expressive sign language abilities and utilize qualified instructors of educational interpreting, instructional materials, video-labs, targeted curriculum, and exposure to deaf language role models. The goal of this program is to enhance interpreter skill levels to an intermediate level of proficiency.

A minimum registration of 24 people is required. MCDHH is accepting applications for this program through May 15, 2012. Please get your applications in as early as possible in order to allow time for the selection process. Applications can be found at: <http://mcdhh.mo.gov/documents/application2012.pdf>. There is no charge to the participants. Lodging and meals will be provided.

It is hoped that all participants will register for Missouri Interpreters Certification System (MICS) testing soon after completing this training. MICS CEUs have been approved for this training.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: How can we help students who are deaf and hard of hearing maintain or improve reading and language skills during the summer?

Answer:

An Extended School Year (ESY) program may benefit the child. However, not all students qualify for ESY. Ultimately, parents become a child's teachers when school is not in session. Schools can help families by supplying them with ideas for providing a learning environment for their children during the summer. Some suggestions might include:



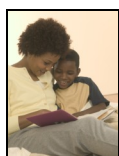
- Send children to summer camps for deaf and hard of hearing kids: for more information contact the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at mcdhh@mcdhh.mo.gov or the Missouri School for the Deaf Resource Center at rcd@msd.dese.mo.gov.



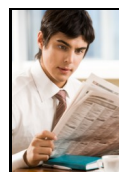
- Attend sign language classes with children if available in your area.
- Introduce new vocabulary including descriptive words or signs through everyday activities.



- Use technology to encourage literacy development. If children become interested in games and/or social media, these can become learning tools for reading and writing.
- Take advantage of family vacations to promote language skills and expand a child's general background knowledge.



- Use captioning on movies and television to support reading skills. Contact: Described and Captioned Media Program at www.dcmp.org for captioned media.
- Read books to children. This activity will help a parent teach new vocabulary and promote the development of literacy skills.



- Visit the local library with a child to encourage interest in books and reading.
- Be a reader and therefore a role model for a child. If the child has a question about the reading material, a parent should answer without being concerned that the vocabulary is too difficult for the child. Exposure to new vocabulary is important even if it is not yet understood.



- Keep a variety of reading materials in the home. Use sections of magazines and newspapers to teach new words. Let children search for familiar vocabulary or cut out pictures from grocery ads to label.





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First Choice Not Last Resort



FAMILIES FIRST

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Parent Advisors with this program provide home visits for deaf or hard of hearing children from birth through 5 years of age. Parent Advisors offer the family information, support, and encouragement, as well as provide ideas for strategies parents may use to help a child develop in the areas of language acquisition, communication, and social and emotional skills. All services are provided free. Families must live in Missouri to qualify.

For more information:

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MSD Outreach Services: Audiology

Dr. Alison Burco administers free hearing evaluations to Missouri children, from birth through age 21. She is available Monday-Friday for testing and consultations concerning hearing aids, FM systems, cochlear implants and other issues related to deafness. Dr. Burco can be contacted at the MSD Resource Center on Deafness, phone # 573-592-2543, voice or TDD.

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MSD Outreach Services

Free Services

- Information about hearing loss and appropriate educational services for deaf or hard-of-hearing students
- Audiological exams and APD testing for Missouri children birth through 21
- School visits and consultation by a deaf educator
- Inservice presentations for schools
- Language assessment for deaf and hard-of-hearing students unable to be appropriately tested in their home districts
- **Families First:** An early intervention program for families with deaf or hard of hearing children birth to five **E-mail:** ff@msd.dese.mo.gov

Rental Program

- Annual leases of personal and group amplification systems to schools

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